

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner: Ann M. Schillinger

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For: ROTATING/NON-ROTATING TIBIA  
BASE PLATE/INSERT SYSTEM

Customer No.: 45488

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 29, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated November 29, 2006, for which the two-month date for response is January 29, 2007.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the present paper. However, should any fees be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21, the Director is authorized to deduct such fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2108.003700.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.